AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

assigning a message identifier and a destination identifier to said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

storing said message with said message identifier and said destination identifier;

generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

assigning a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, the triggering event comprising the disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event

The method of claim 6,

wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

accessing said message;

deleting said message;

presenting an indication of said message;

expiring said message; and

terminating a recipient of said message from said communications network.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

assigning a message identifier and a destination identifier to said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

storing said message with said message identifier and said destination identifier;

generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

assigning a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, the triggering event comprising the disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event.

The method of claim 6, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

denying said status notification of said message; and

malfunctioning of said status notification of said message.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

assigning a message identifier and a destination identifier to said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

storing said message with said message identifier and said destination identifier;

generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

assigning a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, the triggering event comprising the disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event

The method of claim 6, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:

forwarding said message; and

replying to said message.

10.- 27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

a processor for prompting a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address, said processor associating said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message, and said processor generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event, wherein said processor is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said disposition event, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event.

The system of claim 27, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

accessing said message;

deleting said message;

presenting an indication of said message;

expiring said message; and

terminating a recipient of said message from said communications network.

29. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

a processor for prompting a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address, said processor associating said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message, and said processor generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event, wherein said processor is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said

disposition event, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event.The system of claim 27,

_____wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

denying said status notification of said message; and

malfunctioning of said status notification of said message.

30. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

_____a processor for prompting a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address, said processor associating said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message, and said processor generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event, wherein said processor is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said disposition event, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event.The system of claim 27,

_____wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:

forwarding said message; and

replying to said message.

31 - 50. (Canceled).

51. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a voicemail message in an advanced intelligence network (AIN) comprising an intelligent peripheral operative to:

prompt a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

associate said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message; and

generate said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event. The system of claim 50. wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

accessing said message;

deleting said message;

presenting an indication of said message

expiring said message; and

terminating a recipient of said message from said AIN.

52. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a voicemail message in an advanced intelligence network (AIN) comprising an intelligent peripheral operative to:

prompt a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

associate said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message; and

generate said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event;

_____ ~~The system of claim 50,~~ wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

denying said status notification of said message; and

malfunctioning of said status notification of said message.

53. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a voicemail message in an advanced intelligence network (AIN) comprising an intelligent peripheral operative to:

prompt a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

associate said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message; and

_____ generate said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

_____ wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event;

_____ ~~The system of claim 50,~~ wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:

forwarding said message; and

replying to said message.

54.- 66. (Canceled)